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SUBJ: ESTIMATED COFFEE PRODUCTION FOR ANGOLA - 75/76

PROSPECTS FOR 75/76 COFFEE CROP ARE AT 132,000 METRIC TONS; A REDUCTION OF 40 PERCENT FROM THE 220,000 METRIC TONS PRODUCED IN 74/75. THE REDUCTION CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A LACK OF MOISTURE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF WORKERS TO WEED THE COFFEE PLANTATIONS AND HARVEST THE SEASON'S CROP. MOST OF THE WORKERS ON THE COFFEE PLANTATIONS IN THE NORTH HAVE NOW RETURNED TO THE SOUTHERN PART OF ANGOLA BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

DURING THE 74/75 CROP YEAR, 220,000 METRIC TONS OF COFFEE WERE PRODUCED. 180,000 METRIC TONS WERE EXPORTED UNDER THE COFFEE AGREEMENT QUOTA ASSIGNED TO THE COUNTRY, AND AN ADDITIONAL 25,000 METRIC TONS WERE EXPORTED TO PORTUGAL UNDER A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT. 6,000 METRIC TONS WERE CONSUMED COMESTICALLY LEAVING A BALANCE OF 9,000 METRIC TONS. STOCKS ON HAND FROM PREVIOUS YEAR'S PRODUCTION TOTALLING ANYWHERE BETWEEN 175,000 AND 200,000 METRIC TONS LEAVES SUFFICIENT SUPPLIED FOR THE COMING YEAR TO COVER ANGOLA'S EXPORT COMMITMENT.

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